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SUBJECT: MACOVESCU REMARKS ON KOREA

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1. DURING CONVERSATION ON OTHER SUBJECTS MAY 7, ROMANIAN FOREIGN MIN MACOVESCU SAID SEALED NORTH KOREAN LETTER (REF A) HAD BEEN SENT TO ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR BOGDAN FOR TRANSMISSION THROUGH DEPARTMENT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT GOR HAD NOT SEEN CONTENTS AND WAS ACTING PURELY AS MEANS OF TRANSMISSION.

2. I REFERRED TO RECEPTIVITY OF SOUTH KOREA TO SOME

KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WITH GOR AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED TO DEP FOREIGN MIN GLIGA AND PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELLOR PUNGAN AT REQUEST OF ROK AMBASSADOR TO GENEVA HO EUL WHANG DURING IPU CONFERENCE HERE. MACOVESCU NOTED THAT SHORT STAY OF AMBASSADOR HO HAD MADE CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE MEETING DURING HIS VISIT IMPOSSIBLE. IF GOR HAD KNOWN THREE OR FOUR DAYS EARLIER, MACOVESCU SAID, WHO KNOWS - ANSWER MAY HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT. THIS NOT OF POSSIBLE POSITIVE RECEPTIVITY TOWARD IDEA WAS CONSIDERABLY DISSIPATED IN DISCUSSION THAT
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FOLLOWED, HOWEVER, AS MACOVESCU REFERRED TO LIMITA-

TIONS ON ROMANIAN ACTIONS IMPOSED BY ITS NEED TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREANS WHOM HE CHARACTERIZED AS "VERY SENSITIVE." HE NOTED THAT HARDLY A WEEK PASSED WHEN SOME SIGNAL DID NOT ARRIVE INDICATING ROKG WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO A DIALOGUE WITH ROMANIA. AT LEAST, HE SAID, ROMANIAN REPRESENTATIVES HAVE ALWAYS LISTENED TO SUCH APPROACHES

AND PASSED THEM ON. IN RESPONSE TO MY COMMENT ABOUT SIGNIFICANT ROKG CHANGE IN POLICY OVER LAST YEAR HE SAID TOO HE APPRECIATED THIS REALISTIC APPROACH, BUT REFERRING TO EAST ASIANS IN GENERAL SAID THEY WERE THE SORT OF PEOPLE WHERE ONE ORDINARILY HAD TO TAKE STEPS NO LONGER THAN A HUNDREDTH OF A MILLIMETER AT A TIME. CITING ROMANIAN EXPERIENCE WITH NORTH KOREA, HE SAID WE COULD HARDLY IMAGINE HOW RELATIVELY MONUMENTAL STEPS WERE INVOLVED IN SUCH THINGS AS NORTH KOREA'S PROPOSING FEDERATION WITH THE SOUTH OR IN BEING WILLING TO TALK TO U.S.

3. COMMENT: MACOVESCU, WHILE IN AGREEING THAT ROMANIA HAD LOTS OF EXPERIENCE WITH "SENSITIVE" COUNTRIES, WAS CAREFUL NOT TO FORECLOSE SOME RESPONSE AT SOME STAGE TO ROKG FEELING BUT EQUALLY CLEAR THAT THERE WOULD BE NO RUSH TO RESPOND.
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